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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Makoto Noda et al.

Serial No. : 10/799,893

Filed : March 10, 2004

For : ENCODING APPARATUS AND METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM
AND PROGRAM

Group A.U. :

Date : July 28, 2004

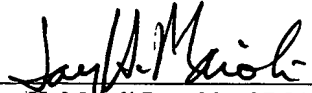
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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

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- ☐ Total claims in excess of 20 previously paid for, at \$18 (\$9) ☐.
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- ☐ Additional Fee for this Amendment ☐.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the ☐ first month, ☐ second month, ☐ third month, ☐ fourth month, ☐ fifth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. Applicants Petition for an extension, and the fee of ☐ \$110 (\$55), ☐ \$420 (\$205), ☐ \$950 (\$465), ☐ \$1,450 (\$725), ☐ \$1,970 (\$985) is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ The fee of \$ ☐ set by 37 C.F.R § 1.17(p) for the Information Disclosure Statement is due and paid herewith.
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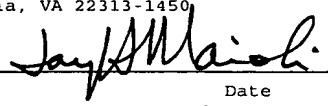
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified
application, Applicant respectfully requests that the
application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this
Amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of
claims that begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 15 of this Amendment.